A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) An estimate for the work is under scrutiny and it is proposed to take up the work early.

(*b*) The Virajpet-Nalknad road gets submerged at two stretches of a furlong's length each, in the first two miles during heavy floods.

(*c*) This will be examined.

Grant of Loans and Sites to the Employees of the Gulbarga Municipality.

Q.—65. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the employees of Gulbarga Municipality have been granted house sites ;

(*b*) if so, the total number of sites granted and the area of each site ;

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposals to advance long term loans to such employees so as to enable them to construct houses ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Municipal labourers have been granted house sites.

(*b*) The total number of sites granted is 166 and of these, 150 are of the dimension of 30′×40′ each and the remaining 16 sites are of 28′×30′ each.

(*c*) There are no such proposals.

Formation of Harijan Colony in Gulbarga Town.

Q.—66. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Harijan locality namely Tarfile is the worst slum area in Gulbarga Town ;

(*b*) have they any plan to clear the said slum and provide decent colony to the Harijans living there ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The local authorities have to prepare a scheme.

Agency to take over the Educational and Medical Institutions managed by the District Boards.

Q.—68. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have taken any decision regarding the authority to take over the educational and medical institutions run by the erstwhile District Boards in the State ;

(*b*) if so, what is their decision ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The Gevernment have accepted in principle that the management of Primary Education may be entrusted to the Local bodies. In regard to other educational institutions and the medical institutions, the matter is under examination.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the above.

Representations to increase the Ceiling for the Levy of Professional Tax.

Q.—85. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when representations were received by the Municipal Corporation, Bangalore, with regard to the increase in the ceiling fixed for the levy of professional tax ;—